



William H. Taft was made a Master Mason at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 18.

The Indianapolis News, whose editors together with the editor of the New York World who were indicted by the federal grand jury, says: "The issue presented by the indictments is, of course, one for the court; in regard to that little or nothing need be said. But there is a wider issue concerning which, we think, a good deal will be said. Perhaps it is needless to say that the course of the News will be in no way influenced or affected by what has happened. We shall continue to discuss public questions on their merits, as in the past, and to criticize public men without political or partisan bias. This is the phase of the question that most concerns the public. It has a right to know that the functions of a free and independent newspaper will not

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cease to be allowed to be performed, and also to know that no personal element will be allowed to obtrude itself in any of the criticisms that we may feel called on to make. We shall not be coerced into silence, nor tempted into unfairness. Believing that the great principle of freedom of the press is at stake we must do what we can to uphold it. No more important service than this can be performed by a newspaper, especially at this date. The public, to which the News alone acknowledges any obligation, may feel sure that this paper will continue to serve its interests as it sees them. To sum up, we shall print the news and tell the truth about it—as it is given to us to see the truth."

Washington dispatches say that the cost to the United States of public printing increased from \$200,000 in 1840 to more than \$7,000,000 in 1905.

The presentation to the state of Iowa of a portrait of General James B. Weaver was made the occasion recently of a notable gathering at Des Moines. Rev. Joseph F. Nugent made the speech presenting the portrait to the state. Addresses were delivered by Major John F. Lacey and Mr. Bryan. Judge H. E. Deemer made the speech of acceptance for the historical department. General Weaver accompanied by Mrs. Weaver were accorded the highest honors by the large assemblage. In the evening a banquet was given to General Weaver, the program being as follows: Toastmaster, Senator W. D. Jamieson. Invocation, Rev. J. F. Nugent; "Why this Banquet," Jerry B. Sullivan; "Why I Seldom Miss a Banquet," Warren Garst; "Politics is a Great Game," Lefe Young; "What Constitutes a Great Game?" H. W. Byers; "The Senate," Senator J. A. De Armand; "The House," Representative W. L. Harding; "The Profits of Politics," M. J. Wade; "The Ladies," G. F. Rinehart; "Brotherhood," James B. Weaver; "America," by the assemblage; "Retrospect and Prospect," William Jennings Bryan. Members of the Second Iowa, who served under General Weaver as colonel in the civil war, and who, forty-seven years ago, stormed Fort Donelson together, were among the guests at the banquet. The survivors of this historic battle are accustomed each year to celebrate the anniversary, and this year merged their plans with those of General Weaver's friends of later years.

The house committee on naval affairs has reported favorably the senate bill appropriating \$135,000 for finishing the crypt of the chapel at Annapolis Naval Academy as the permanent resting place for the body of John Paul Jones.

Senators LaFollette of Wisconsin, and Penrose of Pennsylvania, had a heated controversy in the senate in which bitter personalities were exchanged.

Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the treasury, announces that he will make his home in Philadelphia.

The Kansas legislature has passed what is called "the most drastic prohibition measure ever suggested." It prohibits druggists from selling intoxicants for any purpose whatever

and provides that physicians can not prescribe liquor.

Los Angeles, Cal., got in wireless communication with the Hawaiian Islands February 18, for the first time. The distance between the two points is 2,200 miles.

Henry A. Wise, assistant United States attorney at New York, discusses in the Evening Sun the indictments returned against the World and the Indianapolis News, saying: "The statute under which the indictments are found is the act of July 7, 1898. This statute forms section 5,391 of the Revised Statutes and is a substantial re-enactment of an act passed in 1825. It provides that in any territory ceded to the government by a state, as for example the District of Columbia, the criminal law prevailing in the state at that time shall prevail. Now, in the state of Maryland, which ceded the District of Columbia, the criminal law of England making libel a crime prevailed prior to 1776, and was retained as the law there after independence. It is therefore under the common law of England, as adopted by the state of Maryland and subsequently applied by congress to the District of Columbia, that these indictments are found."

Concerning the indictment against it the New York World says: "The formal charges in the indictments bear only a nominal relation to the actual offense which the president seeks to prosecute. The real offense of the World is that for years it has consistently opposed on principle Mr. Roosevelt's jingoism, his militarism,

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